

REMARKS

Objections to Brief Description of Drawings

The Office communication asserted that the reply filed on 17 November 2003 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action for the following reasons:

Applicant did not amend the Brief Description of the Drawings for Figures 1 and 2 as required under the sequence rules.... The Brief Description of Figure 1 needs to state the sequence identifiers for both the amino acid and the nucleic acid sequence shown in the figure. The Brief Description of Figure 2 needs to state the sequence identifiers for every sequence shown in the figure, not just for equistatin.

Office Communication of 12/19/03 at 1. The Applicants have complied with the requests by making the following amendments.

The Brief Description of FIG. 1 has been amended to also state the sequence identifier of the amino acid sequence. The Brief Description of FIG. 2 has been amended to also state the sequence identifier of the amino acid sequence also shows conservation of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7. Further, the specification has been amended as previously indicated to add the appropriate sequence identifiers to the Brief Description of the Drawings for newly added SEQ ID NOs. 18-31.

To further comply with the applicable Rules, Applicants have now added new sequence listings as SEQ ID NO:18 – SEQ ID NO:31 to reflect the all of sequence listings in FIG. 2. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application now complies with all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

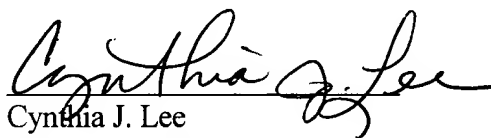
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According to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review Form PTO 948 submitted with the communication, Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the three-month shortened statutory period set forth in the Notice of Allowability. Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant will submit substitute, corrected Figures 1, 2, and 6-12 that have received an objection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all objections raised in the Office Communication of December 19, 2003 have been accommodated. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims is hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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